

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 514

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8 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,  
9 Chapter 403, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section  
10 1210.285), which relates to Regional Education  
11 Administrative Districts; requiring the State  
12 Department of Education, in certain consultation, to  
13 study shared administrative services of school  
14 districts; providing guidelines for study; directing  
15 the State Board of Education to publish certain list  
16 by certain date; providing for notification of  
17 certain school districts; providing for certain  
18 meeting; requiring the State Department of Education  
19 to establish certain districts to provide certain  
20 shared services to certain school districts; and  
21 removing language regarding certain voluntary  
22 participation.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

24 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 403, O.S.L.  
2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1210.285), is amended to read as  
follows:

Section 1210.285. A. The Within thirty (30) days of the  
effective date of this act, the State Department of Education, in  
consultation with the Office of Educational Quality and

1 Accountability, shall begin studying shared administrative services  
2 of school districts in the state. The study shall take into  
3 consideration:

4 1. Ways to reduce administrative costs, eliminate duplicative  
5 overhead costs and improve efficiency among school district  
6 operations;

7 2. The physical size of school districts, including the square  
8 mileage of the district and its proximity to another school district  
9 or districts;

10 3. The average daily membership (ADM) of the school districts;  
11 and

12 4. The performance of school districts based on student  
13 assessments required by Section 1210.508 of this title and the  
14 annual reports required by Section 1210.545 of this title.

15 B. 1. By December 1, 2018, the State Board of Education shall  
16 publish a list of all dependent and independent school districts  
17 that it recommends to share administrative services.

18 2. The State Board of Education shall provide districts  
19 included in the list published pursuant to paragraph 1 of this  
20 subsection the opportunity to be heard. The Board shall notify the  
21 superintendent and school board members of districts included in the  
22 list of the time, date and place of the meeting. The chair of the  
23 State Board of Education may set time limits on individual  
24 presentations.

1        C. Following the meetings required by subsection B of this  
2 section, the State Department of Education ~~may~~ shall establish  
3 Regional Education Administrative Districts (READs) which ~~may~~ shall  
4 provide shared administrative services to school districts  
5 ~~throughout the state~~ included in the list published pursuant to  
6 subsection B of this section. The Department shall provide  
7 information to school districts to educate districts about the  
8 functions and services which may be provided by READs. The  
9 information shall be disseminated to school districts through  
10 regional education officers and in any other manner deemed  
11 appropriate by the Department.

12        ~~B.~~ D. The administrative services provided by READs may include  
13 but not be limited to treasurer services, accounting services,  
14 purchasing services, warehouse and distribution services, human  
15 resources services, construction management, maintenance, risk  
16 management, information technology services, special education  
17 coordination, curriculum coordination, speech pathologist services,  
18 reading specialist services, transportation services, cafeteria  
19 services and shared superintendent services. Any personnel  
20 operating under a READ may be housed at a local technology center  
21 school site.

22        ~~C.~~ E. If the State Department of Education finds a currently  
23 operating regional or interlocal cooperative providing services to  
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1 school districts, the Department may provide support to the  
2 cooperative.

3 ~~D.~~ F. READs may receive financial support from participating  
4 school districts from money appropriated for state aid purposes.

5 The State Board of Education may determine the range of fees due to  
6 READs for basic costs of providing services, taking into  
7 consideration the minimum amount necessary for operation of a READ,  
8 the number and size of participating school districts and the  
9 geographic size of the READ service area. No fees shall be required  
10 of school districts pursuant to this act that are greater than fees  
11 charged school districts pursuant to similar programs.

12 ~~E.~~ G. 1. If two school districts enter into a mutual contract  
13 with a superintendent pursuant to Section 5-106A of ~~Title 70 of the~~  
14 ~~Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, both districts may receive a  
15 discounted fee, to be determined by the State Board of Education,  
16 for participating in a READ.

17 2. If three or more school districts enter into a mutual  
18 contract with a superintendent pursuant to Section 5-106A of ~~Title~~  
19 ~~70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, the districts may receive an  
20 appropriately discounted fee, to be determined by the State Board of  
21 Education, for participating in a READ.

22 ~~F. Participation in READs shall be voluntary.~~  
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1        ~~G.~~ H.    The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to  
2 implement the provisions of this section.

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